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ADVOCATES ASSOCIATION

OF

MONTREAL.

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THE MEMBERS
OF THE MONTREAL BAR.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Committee appointed by the Bar at their last meeting to prepare Rules for their Association, take the liberty of reporting, that after having deliberated upon the subject referred to them, and after having examined the original rules reported by a Committee named by the Bar of Quebec for the same object, are unanimously of opinion that the Rules hereunto annexed should be adopted. All which is nevertheless respectfully submitted.

Montreal, 29th December, 1840.

SABREVOIS DE BLEURY,
W. WALKER,
L. H. LAFONTAINE,
J. SMITH,
S. MONK.

NAMES OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

MONTREAL BAR ASSOCIATION,

ELECTED FOR THE YEAR 1841.

J. D. LACROIX, Esquire, *President.*
JOHN BOSTON, Esq., *Vice-President.*
JOS. AGAPIT MORIN, Esq., } *Secretaries.*
THOS. MITCHEL, Esq., }
JOS. BOURRET, Esq., *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE OF ACCOUNTS.

JOHN S. McCORD, Esq.,
W. C. MEREDITH, Esq.,
A. BERTHELOT, Esq.

COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION.

C. S. DEBLEURY, Esq.,
L. H. LAFONTAINE, Esq.,
C. S. CHERRIER, Esq.,
D. FISHER, Esq.,
J. SMITH, Esq.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Bar was celebrated on Friday evening the 26 January, 1900, by a reception at the Court House - from 8 to 11½ o'clock and by a dinner on the following evening. Saturday [illegible] 27th [illegible]

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I.—Each Member shall bind and oblige himself to submit to such Orders, Rules and Regulations as may be adopted by the majority of the Members, for the good government of the body, and any Member of the Bar who shall not so bind himself shall not participate in any of the privileges enjoyed by the Members of this Association.

II.—Advocates actually practising at the Bar, only, shall be admissable as Members.

III.—There shall be a general meeting of the body held on the first Monday following each Superior Term of the Court of King's Bench, at ten of the

clock in the forenoon, in the Advocates' Chamber, provided that when the Monday shall be a holiday or day of *Fête d'Obligation*, the meeting shall be held on the following day.

The President may also convoke extraordinary meetings whenever he shall be requested in writing by any three Members of the Association, who shall state in such request the cause or causes for which they require a meeting to be called, and it shall be necessary to mention in the notice for such meeting its object.

IV.—For the transaction of business each meeting must be composed of at least the majority of the Members of the Association, and in the event of a sufficient number not being present at any meeting to constitute a *quorum* within half an hour after the time at which it was summoned, absent Members shall each pay a fine of 1s. 3d., provided their absence shall not have been caused by sickness or absence from town, and each and every member who shall leave a meeting before its adjournment without permission of the President or Chairman shall also pay a fine of 1s. 3d.

V.—All Resolutions and matters whatsoever shall be submitted to the meeting in writing and shall be seconded, and decided by the majority of votes of the Members present.

VI.—Each Member shall pay to the Treasurer the sum of 11s. 8d. on signing the articles of Association.

VII.—Each Member shall keep secret the deliberations of the body.

VIII.—Each Member shall pay to the Treasurer annually the sum of 10s. payable semi annually in advance.

IX.—Any Member who shall refuse to pay the above sum of 11s. 8d., entrance money or the annual subscription of 10s., shall not be permitted to be present at or take any part in the deliberations of the Association.

X.—All differences that may arise between the Members with respect to the profession shall be submitted without delay and explained to the body to whose decision the parties shall be bound to submit on pain of expulsion, provided that such expulsion can-

not be pronounced unless by a majority of the Association.

The body shall also have the power of supervision over the professional conduct of its Members and of expulsion when circumstances demand it.

XI.—A President shall be annually elected from among the Members of the body by a plurality of votes and by ballot. He shall preside at all the meetings and in case of absence the senior Member present shall preside.

XII.—The President shall have no vote except when the votes are equally divided but he may take a part in the deliberations.

XIII.—There shall annually be elected by ballots, a Secretary, an assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

XIV.—The Secretary shall keep a Register which shall be open to the inspection of every Member of all the proceedings of the body, of the names of the Members present at each meeting and generally of all the deliberations that do take place ; he shall convoke meetings by written or printed notices, and in the manner which shall be prescribed to him by the Pre-

sident, he shall deliver up to his successor all papers and documents which may have come to his possession as Secretary and in his absence the Assistant Secretary shall fulfil all these duties.

XV.—The Secretary shall be bound to convoke and to assist at all meetings of Committees and to keep minutes of their proceedings.

XVI.—The Treasurer shall keep an account of all sums by him received from each Member, and of all sums paid by him in consequence of votes of the body with proper vouchers.

XVII.—The Treasurer shall submit at each meeting a list of the Members who shall not have paid the sum of 11s. 8d. on their entrance into the Association or who shall be in arrear in the payment of their annual contribution, or of the fines which they shall have incurred

XVIII.—The Treasurer shall be bound to pay to his successor all monies in his hands and to deliver up the Register and generally all papers and documents which may have come into his possession in his quality of Treasurer.

XIX.—There shall be annually named a Committee of three members to whom shall be submitted the accounts and documents of the Treasurer for examination, and the Committee shall report concerning the same at the first meeting thereafter.

No account shall be paid by the Treasurer unless submitted to and approved of by the majority of the Members of the said Committee and certified by the President of the same.

XX.—There shall be annually named a committee of five members of whom three shall form a quorum who shall meet on the first Saturday of each month in the Advocates' Chamber, unless when such Saturday shall be a holiday, and then on the day preceding, for the purpose, whenever required of examining persons desirous of binding themselves as Students to any Members of the body.

XXI.—Every person who shall intend so to bind himself shall give notice to the Secretary, and the President of the said committee shall fix the day and hour to take the matter into consideration.

XXII.—If the candidate produce to the said committee proper certificates of qualification and should

the Committee find such candidate qualified as well as regards education, as good conduct, there shall then be granted him a certificate of these facts signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary.

XXII.—No Member of the Association shall receive into his office as a Student any person who has not previously submitted himself for examination to the said Committee and obtained from them a certificate of qualification as above stated, and every member who shall contravene this regulation shall be expelled from the Association.

XXIV.—The last named Committee shall be charged with the examination of all certificates, papers and documents of Candidates for admission into the profession, and should the said Committee believe that the indentureship of any Candidate has not been regularly completed or that such Candidate has not the requisite certificates to be admitted into the profession, they are hereby authorised to oppose the reception of such Candidate and to submit to the Judges in the name of the Body either verbally or in writing the reasons of their opposition the same Committee shall also examine before the Judges all aspirants to the profession.

XXV.—On the decease of any Member of the Association the Members shall assist at his Funeral in the usual mourning furnished by themselves.

XXVI.—If a Member leave at his decease a Widow, the Members who shall have been substituted in Causes pending at his decease shall conduct them to the profit of the widow and of the minor children, if any.

The Widow and Children shall be entitled to counsel, and every assistance that can be afforded by the profession, and that gratis.

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MONTREAL, 12th JANUARY.

RESOLVED,—That the Rules of the Association be translated into the English language, and enregistered, and be printed in the two languages for the use of the members.

RESOLVED,—That the Sheriff and the Prothonotaries of the Court of King's Bench, who shall be members of the Bar, shall be eligible as members of the Association.

RESOLVED,—That a Vice-President be named who shall exercise the functions of the President in his absence, and in the absence of both the eldest member of the association present shall discharge the duties.

RESOLVED,—That in lieu of a Secretary and an Assistant Secretary, as provided by the 13th Rule of the Association, two Secretaries be annually elected.

MONTREAL, 26th APRIL.

RESOLVED—That the Treasurer be authorised to pay all accounts approved by the Secretary not exceeding one pound five shillings currency, but all those exceeding that sum shall be submitted to the Committee of Accounts as provided for by the 19th clause of the Rules of the Association.